extended its outreach programmes with a view to serving larger number of persons with disabilities. During the current financial year 29 camps were conducted outside Kolkata for assessment and identifcation of disabled persons and distribution of aids and appliances. The Institute has also organized HRD activities and awareness-generation programmes during the year at outside venues. Rehabilitation services were also provided through NIOH's regional centre at Dehradun, District Disability and Rehabilitation Centres at Tezpur, Dimapur, Shillong, Ranchi, Darbhanga, Leh and Udhampur and Composite Regional Centre, Srinagar.

The staff at NIOH are being encouraged to upgrade their qualifications. Besides, infrastructural facilities are also being improved so as to improve the training imparted to students attending regular programmes and the quality of rehabilitation services delivered.

Implementation of Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme

1207. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa has started implementing Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme (OTELP) in various tribal blocks of the State, as reported in the New India Express, dated the 1st December, 2002;

(b) if so, the total package for the scheme and the share of the Centre and State for this welfare package; and

(c) the progress of the scheme and the details of various works that would be carried out under this welfare scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The Orissa Tribal Empowerment and Livelihood Programme (OTELP) Loan Agreement has been signed between the Government of India and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) on 18th December, 2002.

(b) The total estimated cost of the project is about $US 91.1 million. The break up is as follows:—

(In US $ million)

(i)	Central share	Nil
(ii)	State share	9.7
(iii)	International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)	20
(iv)	Department for International Development (DFID), U.K.	40
(v)	World Food Programme (WFP)	12
(vi)	Financial Institutions	0.4
(vii)	Beneficiary Contribution	9.0

(c) The programme is yet to take off.

Works that would be carried out under the Programme are *Inter alia*:—

(i) Capacity building for Empowerment
(ii) Livelihood Enhancement
(iii) Support for Policy Initiatives Fund
(iv) Development Initiatives Fund
(v) Programme Management
(vi) Food handling

Development programmes in Tribal Dominated Districts of M.P. and Orissa

1208. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned Rs. 125 crores to the Madhya Pradesh as tribal grant and another Rs. 45 crores for the tribal dominated districts of the State for developmental programmes, as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated the 1st January, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the developmental schemes;

(c) whether such grants have also been sanctioned for the tribal belts of Orissa, considered to be the most backward and poverty stricken areas; and